

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Canceled*).

2. (*Currently Amended*) The device according to claim [[31]] 29, further comprising a plurality of openings in said body portion.

Claim 3 (*Canceled*).

4. (*Currently Amended*) The device according to claim 2, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein said strap ~~that~~ is threaded through each one of said plurality of openings.

Claims 5-12 (*Canceled*).

13. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 18, further comprising a plurality of openings in said body portion.

14. (*Currently Amended*) The system according to claim 13, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein said strap ~~that~~ is threaded through each one of said plurality of openings.

Claims 15-17 (*Canceled*).

18. (*Currently Amended*) A system for holding garment hangers, comprising:
a garment hanging rod with a diameter of a first dimension;
a hook shaped member having a body portion and a hook portion;

an opening in said body portion ~~for receiving a strap;~~

a strap threaded through said opening in said body portion;

a rod retaining surface on said hook portion and adapted to be carried directly on said garment hanging rod;

an extended hook region on an end of said hook portion and having an extended hook region surface;

a body portion surface opposing said extended hook region surface and defining a hook opening between said body portion surface and said extended hook region surface;

wherein said hook shaped member is inserted onto and removed from said garment hanging rod by passing said garment hanging rod through said hook opening; ~~and~~

wherein said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface are configured such that a distance between said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface has a second dimension approximately a same size as said first dimension of said diameter of said garment hanging rod such that passage of said rod through said hook opening is impeded;

wherein a vertical plane of said hook shaped member passes through a center of said extended hook region surface, a center of said body portion surface, and a center of said rod retaining surface; and

wherein said extended hook region surface is convexly shaped in a direction orthogonal to said vertical plane, wherein said body portion surface is convexly shaped in the direction orthogonal to said vertical plane, and wherein said body portion surface is also convexly shaped along said vertical plane such that a size of said hook opening decreases towards a point and thereafter increases.

Claims 19-25 (*Canceled*).

26. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 18, wherein said opening in said body portion is rectangular.

27. (*Currently Amended*) The device according to claim [[31]] 29, wherein said opening in said body portion is rectangular.

Claim 28 (*Canceled*).

29. (*Currently Amended*) A device for holding garment hangers, comprising:

- a hook portion having an extended hook region surface defining one side of a hook opening and further having a rod retaining surface adapted to be carried directly on a rod;

- a body portion connected to said hook portion and having a body portion surface opposed to said extended hook region surface and defining a second side of said hook opening;

- a transition surface that interconnects said body portion surface and said rod retaining surface, wherein said transition surface is curved with no linear segments;

- an opening in said body portion;

- a strap threaded through said opening in said body portion;

- a vertical plane of said device passing through a center of said extended hook region surface, a center of said body portion surface, and a center of said rod retaining surface; and

- wherein said extended hook region surface is convexly shaped in a direction orthogonal to said vertical plane, wherein said body portion surface is convexly shaped in the direction orthogonal to said vertical plane, and wherein said body portion surface is also convexly shaped along said vertical plane such that a size of said hook opening decreases towards a point and thereafter increases.

Claim 30 (*Canceled*).

Claim 31 (*Canceled*).

32. (*Currently Amended*) The device according to claim [[31]] 29, wherein a long axis of said device passes through said hook portion and said body portion and wherein said opening in said body portion has a long dimension transverse to said axis.

33. (*New*) The system according to claim 18, wherein a long axis of said hook shaped member passes through said hook portion and said body portion and wherein said opening in said body portion has a long dimension transverse to said axis.

34. (*New*) The system according to claim 18, wherein said hook shaped member further includes a transition surface that interconnects said body portion surface and said rod retaining surface, wherein said transition surface is curved with no linear segments.

35. (*New*) A device for holding garment hangers, comprising:

- a hook portion having an extended hook region surface defining one side of a hook opening and further having a rod retaining surface adapted to be carried directly on a rod;

- a body portion connected to said hook portion and having a body portion surface opposed to said extended hook region surface and defining a second side of said hook opening;

- a transition surface that interconnects said body portion surface and said rod retaining surface, wherein said transition surface is curved with no linear segments;

- a strap permanently affixed to said body portion;

- a vertical plane of said device passing through a center of said extended hook region surface, a center of said body portion surface, and a center of said rod retaining surface; and

- wherein said extended hook region surface is convexly shaped in a direction orthogonal

to said vertical plane, wherein said body portion surface is convexly shaped in the direction orthogonal to said vertical plane, and wherein said body portion surface is also convexly shaped along said vertical plane such that a size of said hook opening decreases towards a point and thereafter increases.